

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification at paragraph [0068] (as filed) as indicated:

[0068] Fig. 20 is a side elevation of the exploded assembly of Fig. 18.

Fig. 21 is a perspective view of an unassembled package according to an alternative embodiment in which the outer layer has a lesser width than the inner layer.

Fig. 22 is a front elevation of an assembled package according to the embodiment of Fig. 10, with the packaged articles and indicia bearing sheets being omitted for clarity of illustration.

Fig. 23 is a front elevation of an assembled package (in which the articles packaged have been omitted to facilitate illustration), according to a further embodiment of the invention.

Fig. 24 is a perspective view of the unassembled package according to the embodiment of Fig. 23, showing the different ways in which the package may be formed.

Please further amend the specification at paragraph [0088] (as filed), as follows:

[0088] One or more articles, such as drills 122 (Fig. 10) may be inserted into one or more of the inner chambers between legs 106 and 108, preferably in the manner described with respect to the previously described embodiments, wherein a plurality of like articles are placed in one or two of the long chambers, while a one or two exemplary articles are placed by themselves in a separate one of the chambers. For example, a package constructed according to Figs. 9 - 11 may have in one long chamber a group of several examples of a particular style or model of article; in another long chamber, a group of several examples of another particular style or model of article, and in a third long chamber, one example of each. Thereafter, a further seam (not shown) may be placed across the entire width (or some lesser part thereof) of the aligned free edges of legs 106, 108, to capture the articles received in the chambers. Indicia bearing cards may be placed in one or more of the short chambers formed between legs 106, 110, and 108, 112, respectively, while preferably not in the short

chambers adjacent to the long chamber containing the single (or small number) of examples of the groups of articles enclosed in the other long chambers. Fig. 22 illustrates an assembled version of a package 100 according to the embodiment of Figs. 9 - 11, but with the articles and indicia bearing sheets omitted for clarity. Once the articles (not shown) have been inserted into the various chambers, a permanent seal 152 is provided (analogous to seal 52 of the embodiment of Figs. 1 - 8), between legs 106, 108 (see Figs. 9 - 11), to capture the articles in the respective chambers. A further permanent seal may also be provided across the tops of legs 106, 108. Similar permanent welds (not shown) will be provided as appropriate in the embodiments of Figs. 12 - 21 herein. In alternative embodiments, sheet 104 (or the corresponding separate outer layer sheets of the subsequently described embodiments) may have a width that is less than the width of sheet 102 (or the corresponding separate inner layer sheets of the subsequently described embodiments) to define a fewer number of outer chambers, than of inner chambers. Such an embodiment is illustrated in unassembled form in Fig. 21.

Figs. 23 and 24 illustrate a further embodiment of the invention, wherein the package 500 (in which the packaged articles have been omitted to facilitate illustration), similar to the embodiment of Figs. 1 - 8, has three vertical welds 502, 504 and 506, to form two outer chambers on the front, two outer chambers on the back, and two inner chambers. Weld 504, being substantially closer to weld 502 than to weld 506, creates two outer chambers that have widths substantially less than the other two outer chambers, and one inner chamber that has a width that is substantially less than the other inner chamber, to facilitate the packaging of a quantity of articles in the larger inner chamber, and an indicia bearing card or cards, in the two larger outer chambers, with a smaller number of articles, or even a single article (of the same type as in the larger inner chamber) in the smaller inner chamber, for facilitating inspection and display of the articles. Package 500 may be formed from a sandwich of four sheets 510, 512, 514, 516 (as shown in solid lines in Fig. 24, similar to the embodiment of Figs. 18 and 19), wherein the outer sheets 510, 516 are "shorter" than inner sheets 512, 514. Alternatively, package 500 may be formed by one or two folded over sheets, wherein

sheets 510, 516 may be the front and rear faces of a single folded-over sheet (as indicated by the broken lines in Fig. 24), and/or sheets 512, 514 may be the front and rear faces of a single folded-over sheet (also as indicated by the broken lines in Fig. 24), similar to the embodiments of Figs. 11, 14 or 17. Welds 502, 504 and 506 preferably will join all four layers, while horizontal weld 518 will join only the innermost two layers (after insertion of the articles, not shown), being located above the upper edges (e.g., edge 520 of layer/sheet 510) of the outermost layers of package 500.
While the embodiment of Figs. 23 and 24 has only two inner chambers, it is to be understood that in an alternative embodiment (similar to Figs. 18 and 19), a wider package, having a further vertical weld, may be provided, of whatever desired width, so long as there is an inner chamber having a width substantially less than any of the other inner chambers, without departing from the scope of the present invention.